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Applicants : Claessens et al.  
Serial No. : 10/779,517  
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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated May 14, 2004,

Applicants enclose the following:

1. an executed Declaration (3 pages);
2. Powers of Attorney executed by each inventor (3 pages);
3. a Request for a One Month Extension of Time (1 page);
4. a check in the amount of \$120.00 which includes \$65 for the surcharge fee and \$55 for the one month extension of time fee;
5. a return self-addressed postcard; and
6. a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts.

The undersigned asserts that the assignees of the present invention, Timo Kipp and Francis Claessens, are entitled to Small-Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(a)(1).

A response to the Notice to File Missing Parts was originally due July 14, 2004 (*i.e.*, two months from the mailing date thereof). Therefore, a Request for a One Month Extension of Time and the \$55 fee for that extension of time is also attached. Therefore,

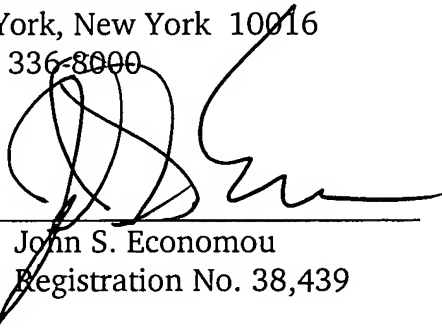
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this response is being timely filed. Authorization is hereby given to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the enclosed fees to Deposit Account No. 01-1785. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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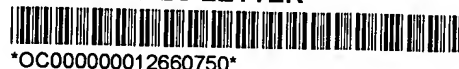
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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$65** for a Small Entity

- **\$65** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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